

House Resolution No. 1944

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives take great pride in honoring the Missouri Air National Guard's 218th Engineering and Installation Squadron at Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis, Missouri, upon the magnificent occasion of its Fiftieth Anniversary which it observed in November 2003; and

Whereas, for a half century, citizen airmen from the 218th Engineering Installation Squadron have expertly engineered, installed, and provided administrative and logistical support to countless, mission-critical communications projects within the State of Missouri, throughout the nation, and around the world; and

Whereas, a recipient of the 1996 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for exceptionally meritorious service, the 218th Engineering Installation Squadron installed communication and electronic equipment on the space shuttle Challenger which exploded on January 28, 1986, and engineered and installed the complex communications infrastructure required for the Combined Air Operations Center in Saudi Arabia and the Air Operations Center in Qatar; and

Whereas, citizen airmen from the 218th Engineering Installation Squadron tirelessly responded to the aid of fifteen Missouri communities during the Great Flood of 1993, during which time they provided extensive communications restoration, personal and property protection and evacuation, levee repair, and water pumping assistance; and

Whereas, citizen airmen from the 218th Engineering Installation Squadron continue to deploy to the present day in support of the United States and its coalition allies' efforts against terrorism, continuously demonstrating critical leadership and technical skills, and overcoming extreme hardship and severe challenges, while directly, significantly, and exceptionally contributing toward critical efforts to provide the Department of Defense with new and upgraded, state-of-the-art, fixed communications infrastructure necessary for ongoing support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom initiatives:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud and congratulate the 218th Engineering Installation Squadron for its service to the United States of America for the past fifty years; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the 218th Engineering Installation Squadron.

Offered by _____
Representative Mark C. Abel
District No. 103

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1944, adopted April 21, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker